

Governor's Committee on Aging
Friday, February 8th, 2008
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Prairie Hills Plaza

GCoA Members Present: Amy Clark (Chairman), Ray Siver (Vice-Chair), Marty Heller (Secretary), Larry Wagner, Fred Baker, Elaine Keepseagle

Others: Linda Wright (Director of Aging Services, Mariah Tenamoc, [Caroline Kozojed \(Research Analyst-DHS\)](#), Tami Wahl, Loree Weber (Administrative Staff Officer-Medical Estate Recovery-DHS), Lynne Jacobson (Elder Rights Program Administrator).

Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Introductions – Amy Clark.**
- 2. Review Meeting Notes from last meeting – Marty Heller**
- 3. Aging 2020 Research Project – Caroline Kozojed, Research Analyst, DHS.**
Caroline is working on a project called “Aging 2020” It is a Department of Human Services Research Project. The research for the report will cover numerous topics like Demographics, Economic, Health Care, Housing, Transportation, etc. The initial Aging 2020 report will not include other state departments but this report will provide useful information for these departments when they plan for future aging impact issues. The report should be finalized by April 2008. Caroline plans to update the GCoA committee periodically of the report's progress.
- 4. 2009 Forums on Aging – Amy Clark**

We revised the date of the upcoming 2009 Forums to April 20th thru 24. By the next meeting, Amy will work on developing a time-line and responsibility list for each GCoA member to prepare for the upcoming Forums. The following seven sites were selected for the Forums:

1. Williston,
2. Dickinson,
3. New Town,
4. Bismarck,
5. Rugby,
6. Grand Forks,
7. Lisbon.

Plan to contact each RASPA from each site and ask them to provide us with names of possible Forum speakers.

5. Northern Plains Aging and Disability Conference.

Reviewed the Department of Human services budget. Currently, we have spent \$2,370 of our \$20,000 dollar budget. Our budget goes through 6/1/2009 and we anticipate another \$8,000 in meeting expenses this year. The remainder or approximately \$8,500 dollars will be available for the Forums. We agreed to contribute \$1000 dollars to the Aging Disabilities Conference. This is the same amount we contributed last time. Plan to send an email to the missing members to see if they concur with this amount.

6. **GCoA Retreat – Report from Betty Keegan and Shirley Blake** – No report available to-date.
7. **Report on Graying of North Dakota meeting – Amy Clark.** Amy presented a meeting summary of the Graying of North Dakota Coalition. The group is comprised of many other organizations that advocate aging issues. Together these organizations have one voice.
8. **Aging Services Report – Linda Wright.** Linda reviewed the Aging Services Update document dated 2/8/2008. She reviewed nine items. Currently, the Older American Acts funding allocation for fiscal year 2008 is outstanding and they are in the process of funding contracts with their best estimate of available future funding. Reference the document for additional details.
9. **Open Positions on GCoA – Linda Wright.** Currently, there are four GCoA positions available. The following three people resigned. **Kelly Wentz, Marilyn Bader and Mary Grosz.** Fred Baker has moved from Fort Berthold to Bismarck. He will check into nominating someone from the Fort Berthold area and he might fill the Trenton area position if the Governor concurs. In June 2008, the terms will expire for the following three committee members: Marty Heller, Shirley Blake and Bonnie Bieber. They plan to serve on the committee for another three year term.
10. **Medicaid Fraud and Estate Recovery – Loree Weber,** Administrative Staff Officer, Medicaid Estate Recovery, DHS.
Loree reviewed the Estate recovery. process. The primary purpose of Estate Recovery is to reimburse federal and state taxpayers for costs of services furnished to recipients. Loree handed-out a draft Estate Recovery Policy Manual. One major issue that impacts the recovery process is the transfer of assets to their children and not leaving adequate assets to cover their bills.
11. **Vulnerable Adult Protective Services – Lynne Jacobson, ElderRights Program Administrator.** Lynne's group is responsible for nine thousand nine hundred and seventy (9970) nursing home beds through-out the state. Three thousand of these beds are assisted living beds.

12. **GCoA Goals for 2007 – Larry Wagner.** Larry mentioned we should address the GCoA work plan or Goals that we developed in January 2007. The committee should review this document and determine which goals to work on next.

13. Meeting Adjourned at 3 PM.

14. **Aging Services Open House** – The GCoA committee attended the Aging Services open house after the GCoA meeting. We toured their new facility and we ended the tour in their fellowship area. We enjoyed talking with their co-workers and sharing their munchies!

Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Marty Heller GCoA Secretary.